

Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

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July 2nd, 2017

Mechanicsburg,
Pennsylvania

Annual Conference Sunday

Worship Theme: *“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.’”* -Genesis 12:1-2

Gathering: “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” (arr. Hustad)

Welcome

Sharing the Joy and Peace of Christ (greeting one another)

Sharing Joys, Introductions, and Announcements

(Prayer requests will be collected by our ushers along the center aisle and brought forward during the Prelude.)

Prelude: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (arr. Warriner)

***Call to Worship:**

(adapted from the order of worship used at Annual Conference Worship today)

*Leader: Brothers and Sisters, when darkness presses in,
and the loneliness of exile is experienced in our own backyards...*

People: Risk hope! Remember God’s Story.

Leader: When change brings stress, and our identity is on the line...

People: Risk Hope! Be faithful in the struggle.

Leader: When light is needed, when peace and love are lacking,

People: Risk Hope! Witness to God’s work in the world.

Leader: When the body of Christ feels fragmented and broken...

All: Risk Hope! Love God’s family.

Leader: When a still small voice beckons us to follow

Leaving behind the familiar the things that feel strong and secure...

All: Risk Hope! Step out and be a blessing.

Leader: For our God, is a generous and merciful God.

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Slow to anger, and abounding in love.

All: We are blessed to be a blessing!

***Gathering Prayer**

***Hymn of Praise:** "Holy Spirit, come with power" **No. 26**

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: II Corinthians 9:1-12 NT p. 183/184

Offering Invitation and Prayer

Offertory: "Blest Are They" -Haas

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

***Hymn of Preparation:** " You are salt for the earth" **No. 226**

Message: "Blessed to be a Blessing" -Matthew F.
(message live-streamed from Annual Conference Worship)

***Hymn of Response:** "For Christ and the church" **No. 416**

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** "Make Me a Blessing" -Schuler

Remembering in prayer:

Remembering those who are navigating recovery or ongoing challenges of health.

Today, we remember another of our shut-ins and/or retirement home residents with special thoughts and care. **This week we invite you to remember Aileen D.** You are invited to keep Aileen in prayer, but also to drop a note or card to her, as you feel led.

Deacons on Call: June 25th - July 8th
Stan & Oceana G.

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Today: FOOD FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES / COMBINED WORSHIP @ 10:30am

9:15am: Sunday School (Messenger Sunday)

10:30am: Morning Worship w/ Annual Conference Live Feed for Sermon

Next Sunday:

8:15am: Early Worship

9:15am: Sunday School (Chuck G.: Guana Trip)

10:30am: Morning Worship with Andrew W. Preaching

This Week:

PASTOR ON VACATION THROUGH JULY 10TH

OFFICE SECRETARY ON VACATION THROUGH JULY 10TH

Tues. **HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED!**

Wed. 9:00am: Quilting in Choir Room

Fri. 8:00am-10:00am: Library Reserved

9:00am: Printing of July 9th Bulletin

Andrew W, will preach next Sunday. The Scripture texts are *Matthew 11:16-19 and 25-30*. Come join us as Andrew shares the message in both the 8:15 and 10:30 services on that Sunday.

Check the BULLETIN BOARDS/INFO TABLES/NARTHEX AREAS:

- Camp Eder's 2017 Activities Booklet & Summer Camp
- 2017 Annual Conference Schedules and Information

Check the SIGN UP SHEETS (Sign Up Area/bulletin board) for:

- Summer Children's Church Volunteers (on bulletin board)
- Summer Sunday School Teachers SIGN UPS (on bulletin board)

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URGENTLY NEEDED - 2017 Children's Church Volunteers to lead Children's Church during the summer months of July, and August. **Please consider volunteering** to help our young people continue to grow in their love of Jesus. **Any amount of time** (one Sunday or more) you can give will be most appreciated. **SIGN UP SHEET** is posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Contact Starr A. with any questions.

Children's Summer Sunday School Teachers are needed: SIGN UP on the sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Contact Bill C. with questions.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS are needed. Several people are unable to work in the nursery and we need to fill some slots. If you are new to working with children in our church, you need to have clearances emailed to Bill C. Contact Shelly G. with questions.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP needs your assistance:

Contact the church office, Janet Z. or Phyllis P.

- **Volunteers are needed** to help with the meals, set-up, clean-up and ideas for future activities.
 - **Volunteers are needed** to form a team to ease the work load (for the Fall Schedule)
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Confirmed Date of the Yard Sale is Saturday, August 19th.

The YARD SALE DONATION ROOM is now in #130.

Donations must be clean, in good shape or labeled as broken (how). Hold oil/gas items until after August 1st. See Arlene Justice with questions or to volunteer.

NOTE: Book Sales will **NOT** be accepting encyclopedias, textbooks, National Geographic Magazines, or periodicals.

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UPCOMING YARD SALE CAPTAINS URGENTLY NEEDED:

- **A Captain or Co-Captains** to set up and handle the **SILENT AUCTION**.
 - **A Captain or Co-Captains** are also needed for the **Bake Sale Table**.
- Contact Arlene J. ASAP.
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Pastor Del will be on vacation following the conference. During the period of June 26 – July 10 while he is away, Warren E will be available for crisis care, along with our deacons on call.

The **Office Secretary** is on vacation from July 3rd – 10th.

The Friends of Cross Keys Village – News & Events

The 57th Annual Friends Chicken BBQ, Bake Sale, Car Show and Auction is Saturday, August 12th from 9am to 4pm. The Friends will appreciate any size item that is quilted, not necessarily a quilt for a bed. They accept wall hangings, pillows, place mats, framed items, etc. These are all possible projects that congregations might contribute for the auction. Other Auction Items and Collectables will also be appreciated.

Requested from our church for the Chicken BBQ:

- **Twenty (20) Bake Sale Items and Vegetables** – Bring to the church by 7:30 PM, Friday, August 11th.
- **Three (3) Persons for parking** to work from 8 AM to 11 AM.
- **Five (5) Persons** to help in serving line (10am to Noon)

SIGN UP SHEET near the office window. Above the SIGN UP SHEET are **REGISTRATION FORMS** for the Car Show and Sponsor & Patron Donation forms. Call Nancy S. with questions or see the July/August Newsletter.

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Our Stewardship for Last Sunday, June 25, 2017

REGULAR GIVING:

Last Week: Rec'd: \$5,502.00 Budget: \$7,443.92

Special Donations Received:

Memorial Fund:	\$1,405.00 (Charlie D)
Memorial Fund:	50.00 (Amy L)
Facilities Use:	192.00 (Funeral Meal)
Food Sold/Funeral Meal:	16.00
Misc:	21.57 (Reimbursement/Ron K)

TOTAL RECEIVED: \$7,186.57

ATTENDANCE: Sunday School -? 8:15 Worship – 31
10:30 Worship – 116

Note of Appreciation: *Dear Ones, Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards, kind words, generous acts of love, consistent support, and thoughtful gifts of love during Charlie's journey - then peaceful graduation from life to eternal life. Countless friends and family have expressed that the funeral message, music, and delicious meal celebrated Charlie's life and legacy in such a fitting way. We especially thank Pastor Del, Lois, Janet, Ron K. and the dear ones who baked cakes, made fruit salad and served the luncheon. You all have been such a blessing!*

-Janie, Kim, Jen & Greg and their families.

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